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The Shire's Last Meeting

The last Council meeting of the Altona Shire took place on Monday night. When Councillors next meet they will constitute the City of Altona Council.

The occasion of the last meeting was fittingly recognised by the presence of the Hon. A. W. Knight, M.L.C., Mr. L. Floyd, M.L.A., ex-councillors and their wives, wives of present councillors, wife of the Shire Secretary and relatives of deceased councillors.

In extending a welcome to the guests the Shire President, Cr. W. L. J. Crofts, said he was proud to see present on this historic occasion men who had been Altona riding councillors of the Werribee Shire and also councillors of the Altona Shire.

Cr. Crofts remarked that in 1958 the population was 11,800 and Rate Revenue nearly \$200,000, in 1968 the population had increased to 27,500 and the Rate Revenue to \$1,026,000.

Near the conclusion of Monday's meeting Cr. Crofts asked present councillors to vacate their seats at the table and he invited ex-councillors Harry Kim, Fred Rush, Wal Cresser, Alec Bond and Kas Jurga to once again sit at the table. The other three seats were taken by relatives of late councillors, Mrs. Mary Hearn and Mrs. Margaret McIntosh widows of V. Hearn and S. McIntosh, and Miss Mary McIntyre, daughter of the late Kath McIntyre.

Ex-councillor and Shire President of last year, Mr. Bill Lee, was seated on the podium beside Cr. Crofts.

When all were seated Cr. Crofts suggested ex-councillors formally make a motion. Cr. Bond moved that somebody go and put the kettle on.

Mr. Rush moved a vote of thanks to the President and councillors for the opportunity to sit at the table once again.

Mr. Jurga, white-headed and courtly as ever, seconded the motion saying he complimented the present council on its achievements.

Mr. Kim endorsed his remarks. Altona Shire's progress has been phenomenal, said Mr. Kim.

He pointed out that the Shire started with a debt of \$34,000 and now in a short time is to be proclaimed a city.

Mr. Rush gave an interesting resume of events which lead to the inauguration of Altona Shire.

About 19 years ago a few residents got together to discuss severance from Werribee Shire. One of the first men to growl about Werribee was Mr. Kim, said Mr. Rush.

He said two years later a meeting was held in Harry Kim's shop but it was learnt that Altona's then population and income were insufficient to maintain a separate Shire.

But after the coming of the refinery the Ratepayers Association was reformed at a meeting held in the same shop. The 12 men present included ex-councillors Logan, Kim, Cresser and Rush and the late Carl Beyer.

Further meetings took place in the old picture theatre. Mr. Logan took a prominent part in the work for severance.

Finally a referendum gave an overwhelming vote in its favour and the Shire was proclaimed in 1957.

Mr. Cresser recalled how there was some suggestion of joining up with Footscray

or Williamstown — fortunately both came to nothing.

He also spoke highly of three late councillors Mrs. McIntyre, Messrs. Hearn and McIntosh. He referred feelingly to Mrs. McIntyre who though not a member of his political party was consistent in her support for Altona. "Sometimes she supported me, sometimes I supported her", said Mr. Cresser.

As did the others who had spoken, Mr. Lee thanked the Council for the invitation to the meeting.

He said he is extremely proud of Altona and to have served on its council.

All residents should fully support the council throughout the year except perhaps on one day — election day — said Mr. Lee.

He concluded "The important thing is always Altona".

Seats were once again vacated to allow the councillors of the Shire to return to the table for the conclusion of this final Shire meeting.

Shire Secretary Mr. Waters remarked that it is 28 years ago this week that he landed his first job as Shire Secretary and almost by co-incidence there have been 29 councillors of the Shire of Altona — "Twenty gone and nine to go".

He then read out a minute of appreciation "For the fortitude and perseverance of all the former councillors and citizens who have helped make the municipality".

Cr. Grant moved the minute be adopted. In recalling the days before the advent of the Shire he said thirty years ago, Altona did not have much but it did have loyal citizens. Altona has had its share of notable people and community minded people ready to step forward and fight for Altona.

Cr. Burns seconded the motion to which he gave whole hearted support. The motion was passed unanimously.

NEW CAR FOR MAYOR

The Mayor of Altona is to have a Chrysler Valiant for official duties.

On Monday the Council accepted a tender for this car from a number submitted for several different makes of car.

The black valiant 160 automatic is to cost \$2,146.

It is doubtful if the car will be available on the day Altona is declared a City.

Delivery may not be possible till after Christmas.

CARAVAN PARK — NOT YET

A proposal to develop a \$200,000 caravan park and dry-storage marina on the Truganina explosives reserve land cannot at present be considered.

The plan was put forward by S. A. & D. E. Hem, owners of Circle Marine.

They asked for 20 acres and a fifty-year lease.

Ten acres, they said would be a caravan park built to the standards of the Caravan Parks Association and the health regulations. There would be a resident caretaker.

The rest of the land would be used as a dry-storage area for boats. There would be a modern showroom and repair centre.

The Council has replied that at present it cannot give any indication of the future use of the land.

CHERRY LAKE

The Council has decided to go ahead and drill for water to replenish Cherry Lake.

The cost will be about \$9,000.

The Council is finding its money from savings on other works.

The water will help keep the dust down on the dry bed of the lake.

Mr. G. Heatherwick of 9 Moore Court, Altona, wrote to the Council suggesting that two 2 ft. deep trenches be dug around the edge of the lake bed to stop the dragsters who churn up the dust.

He said the furrows could be dug with one man, a tractor and a plough, and make access much more difficult.

The Shire Engineer, Mr. Simmons, said the plan was commendable, but it would involve considerable excavation of rock. It would be expensive.

And further, the trenches would have to be filled in later to prevent children drowning.

Mr. Simmons said that from his observations it seemed that dust would blow off the dry lake bed whether or not cars were driven on it.

City Proclamation

All arrangements for Proclamation Day on December 21 have been approved by the Governor's aide-de-camp who visited Altona on Monday.

The visit of the Governor, Sir Rohan Delacombe, will commence at a luncheon at Shirley Park to be attended by councillors, present and past, parliamentarians and invited guests.

The official party will arrive at the Civic Offices at 2 p.m. for the Proclamation ceremony. The Royal Salute will be played by the Altona City Band.

His Excellency, accompanied by the Shire President, Cr. W. L. J. Crofts, will inspect a guard of honour of scouts, cubs and St. John's Ambulance cadets.

Lady Delacombe with Mrs. Crofts will inspect a guard of guides and brownies as the party makes its way to the dais.

After the ceremony the Governor will plant a tree and whilst making his way to the Council Chamber for the first meeting of the

councillors of the City of Altona he will unveil a commemorative plaque.

Because only 150 invited guests will be able to enter the Council Chamber, closed circuit television will relay the proceedings to screens set up in the Mayor's suite and the Civic Hall.

People who have reserved seats on the lawns together with the young folk who form the guard of honour and the other citizens may enter the hall to watch the televised meeting.

After the brief council meeting Sir Rohan Delacombe, escorted by the Mayor will go to the marquee on the lawns near the scout hall for afternoon tea.

The Shire Secretary, Mr. J. W. Waters, is still receiving applications from pioneer and senior citizens for reserved seats on the lawns.

SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE POLLUTION ENQUIRY

Cr. D. K. Grant, appearing before the Senate Select Committee on Tuesday morning, gave evidence on the occurrence of air pollution in Altona.

He presented a comprehensive technical report giving as a background the location and topographical and meteorological conditions of Altona.

In a brief survey Cr. Grant dealt with the origins of pollution sources in Altona, the briquette dump, refinery and petrochemical industry and local and nearby abattoirs.

He referred to the three types of pollution — dust, li. quid and gaseous.

Under dust he included carbon soot from industry, briquette dust, dust from quarries, dried up swamps, levee banks, etc., and catalyst dust.

Under liquid were in-

cluded effluents (treated and otherwise) from all industries. Some of these are a source of nutrient for the growth of seaweed. Drains in the area are another source.

Gaseous pollution includes abattoir odours from neighbouring areas, chemical emissions from sundry sources as detailed, and occasionally odours from seaweed decomposition.

Cr. Grant concluded with his expectations for the future and the role of the Altona Council. These sections are given in full.

THE FUTURE

Pollution from the above sources must be expected

ALTONA NORTH HAS TWO VICTORIAN ALL-HIGH REPRESENTATIVES



Altona North High School has two representatives competing in the Interstate All-High Schools Athletic Championships at Brisbane, on Saturday, December 14.

They are Julie Robertson and David Holdsworth. Altona North is the only High School in Victoria to have more than one representative in this team which has been selected from the Victorian All-High Schools Athletic Results this year.

The Victorian athletes fly to Brisbane on Friday. Julie Robertson and David Holdsworth have capped off a most successful school Athletics Career by being selected in this team for 1968.

Both have a very long list of Athletic achievements gained during their senior years at High School. Julie has been the undisputed high jump champion of her age group for the past six years. She has held every high jump record in the All-High Schools Athletics Carnival from Under 13 through to Open Age.

And Julie has won the Victorian School girls high jump championship on three occasions. In 1967 she equalled the Victorian Junior high jump record with a leap of 5'4". Julie's High Jump Records read as follows:

U/13	4'5½"
U/14	4'7"
U/15	5'0½"
U/16	5'2"
U/17	5'2"
Open	5'4"

Julie stands only 5'2" which makes her jumping performance in recent years nothing short of excellent. Along with her High Jumping Julie is an excellent Long Jumper and will be representing Victoria in both these events. Julie's best Jump this year was 17'2" which equalled the Western Division Open Record.

David has developed into one of the best Junior Milers ever to come out of a high school. He first showed his talents as a runner in 1965 when he won the Victorian Sub-Junior 5,000 metres and 5 miles cross-country championships.

During the past three years David has spent many hours training, at times running 10-12 miles a day. Due to constant and dedicated training David has managed to reduce his 800 time from 2:12 sec. down to 2:0:1 sec. in 1968; and his mile time from 4:45:0 down to 4:16:0 sec. in 1968. David has run 4:16:0 sec. twice during this season.

David will be representing Victoria in the 800 metres and 1,500 metres at Brisbane.

THE COUNCIL'S ROLE

Altona Council has, for the past two years, engaged an analyst who (in conjunction with the Senior Health Inspector) performs analysis of deposits as collected from two sources of dust within the Shire. This costs the Council \$2,500 per annum. Also, the Council has

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EDITORIAL

The 39th City

After a brief period as a Shire, Altona is about to be advanced to a City. In view of its qualifications this step is fitting.

By all accepted standards Altona is a City except in name. It will now become added to the thirty eight cities in the metropolitan area.

It will leave behind its honoured association with the Shires of Melbourne — where though almost the smallest in area it was the most wealthy.

More importantly it will no longer be the odd man out among the western suburban cities. For while Altona will now take its place among the metropolitan cities, its greatest future will be in close co-operation with the western suburbs.

At least four of these cities will be directly concerned with the effects of the new highway and bridge. And all of these have seen the need for concerted action against the instinctive favouring of east of Melbourne areas.

On its elevation to a City Altona has undoubtedly great present assets and advantages. Plans in hand by Council and announced by industry show possibilities of a great expansion over the next few years.

There are disadvantages. Some of them will be overcome by Altona's own resources. Others are dependent on the goodwill and action of Government departments.

Altona can believe it has such good will. The circumstances that prevent positive action are known. They are not easily overcome but most likely will be if Altona's opening years are as successful as they are now auspicious.

APPRENTICESHIP

Altona Petrochemical Company invites applications from young men seeking an apprenticeship in

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This is an excellent opportunity in a company with a well established apprenticeship training program.

Applicants should have successfully completed studies to Intermediate level (Technical or High School).

Modern plant with amenities including Cafeteria and Social Club. Superannuation Plan.

Parents of interested boys are invited to discuss career prospects in this industry with:

Mr. Duncan Phillip,
Employee Relations Manager,
ALTONA PETROCHEMICAL COMPANY LTD.,

Maidstone Street, Altona.
(Near Galvin Station).

Phone: 399-2233.

"OPERATION HANDCLASP"

"Operation Handclasp" held prior to the council meeting on Monday night was attended by representatives of all but 12 of Altona's industries.

As well as men from industry the invited guests included members of the Country Roads Board, neighbouring mayors and town clerks, representatives from each school and each bank in the district, the Board of Works, State Electricity Commission, Melbourne Fire Brigade, Lower Yarra Cross-

ing Authority, Western Industries Association, the press and representing the Chief Commissioner of Police was the Assistant Commissioner (Traffic) Ron Braybrook.

Shire President, Cr. W. L. J. Crofts, briefly welcomed them. He expressed his appreciation of their co-operation during the past twelve months, wished them the season's greetings and said he hoped for similar co-operation in the coming year.

Four Months Touring Europe

A breakdown in nearly every European country visited added to the experiences and expenses of six young people who earlier this year toured the Continent by van for four months.

However, the cost of repairs was outweighed by the adventures and memories gained by the young party of travellers which included Caroline Kirk of Altona, her fiancé, Bob Fleming of South Australia, and Helen Logan who did live locally but whose parents (the Reg Logans) have since moved interstate.

Caroline is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kirk of Queen Street. The temperamental van, a second hand Bedford, cost £200 sterling in London and in between breakdowns did carry the group up through Holland to the Scandinavian countries down through Germany to the Communist dominated areas as far east as Istanbul before turning and travelling back through southern Europe.

Excitement was with the party from the start. Caroline and Bob (who knew each other back home in Australia) became engaged in London the day before the party left on their camping holiday.

And the party's adventures commenced on their first day on the Continent. Caroline was admitted to a Belgium Hospital where she was a patient for four days. Most vivid memories of the early days of the trip spent in Holland are of the "streets of red lights". These too, were evident in Altona — the suburb of Hamburg in Germany.

Caroline and Helen made sure they visited this Altona and discovered it to be the "Kings Cross" area of the big city — cabarets, night clubs and brothels lining the main street.

It was while in Germany the van embarrassed the party on an autobahn. It broke down on the expressway in East Germany but police towed them into West Germany where they pitched camp and carried out repairs in the shadow of "The Wall". Their tent was only 10 feet from it.

Unexpectedly in West Berlin Caroline crossed with some Russian guards. She had moved too close to some property guarded by them. The guards waved their guns and yelled. Caroline hurriedly moved off.

Driving along the streets of Salzburg in Austria Caroline spotted another Altona traveller — she and Tom Fleming greeted each other like long lost friends do.

The communist countries the party found different. The low octane petrol effected the running of their van and the roads — mostly used by horses and carts — were terrible.

In Bulgaria when near a lonely part of the Black Sea, just when the party was low in food stocks, the car refused to go for four days.

Rice, spaghetti and tomato paste was the staple diet for this time.

On the last day the travellers were picking weeds to eat with the balls they ate made from porridge and water, and spread with honey.

Elsewhere in Bulgaria they found the streets lined with trees laden with fruit — they feasted themselves. The poor van was violently shaken about in Yugoslavia — in the southern section of the country the roads were the worst of all they struck in Europe.

But it was here they experienced the kindness of a peasant woman.

As usual the party found its way to a camping area but an old lady came along and beckoned them to go her way. They followed and she led them into the yard of her home where by sign language she made them welcome.

She gave them food but would accept none from the travellers and at night invited them into her house — two rooms with dirty floor. They sat on a bed to watch her two young sons dance and were shown photographs of an older boy.

She cried when the party moved on next day.

The northern part of Yugoslavia was more westernized. In Belgrade huge modern buildings using much glass are being constructed and the roads improved.

Greece did not appeal to Caroline, but Istanbul she thought fabulous. It was so different from other European cities, here it was more eastern.

And here she encountered the eastern reserve towards women.

She was banned from entering the mosques — her "minis" were too mini.

But a quick change into slacks made her passable. Food was very cheap in Turkey — meals in restaurants cost about 20 cents.

But the van was a trouble maker again — back firing this time.

People thought it was gunfire — gunfire in a country where gunfire is returned with gunfire.

Fortunately before guns were drawn the trouble righted itself.

Heading back towards England the van again came to a halt — this time in Venice. It took about 4 days to get a new generator fitted and the group headed into southern Italy.

But they had only travelled 80 miles when once more the van stopped. It would take two to three days to fix the van announced a friendly mechanic.

POLLUTION ENQUIRY

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drains and effluent from the creek analysed occasionally and in fact has just engaged a liquid pollution expert to survey the problem in Altona area. It is the Council's desire that industry operate profitably in a manner which does not disturb the health or the amenity of the area, and has one of its Councillors allocated a portfolio of pollution to report and have the responsibility of abating the problem, as best can be achieved, within the Shire.



Church Notices

BAPTIST

Sargood Street, Altona

Cordially welcomes you to all meetings.

Services: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Communion: First Sunday morning and Third Sunday evening.

11.30 a.m.: Junior Christian Endeavour.

2.30 p.m.: Intermediate Christian Endeavour.

7 p.m.: Evening Service.

Minister—Pastor R. J. Reynolds, 62 Blyth Street, Altona.

Telephone: 398 2829

CATHOLIC

St. Mary's

Railway Street, Altona

Masses

Sundays: 7.30, 9 and 10.30 a.m.

Holy Days: 7, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

First Fridays: 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Confessions

Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.

Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.

First Friday (Maltese): 4 and 5.30 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Nooney, P.P.

Rev. Father M. Kelleher.

St. Mary's Presbytery, Railway Street, Altona. Telephone 398 2964.

St. Joseph's Convent, Sargood Street, Altona. Telephone 398 2686.

Queen of Peace

Laverton

Masses

Sunday: 7.30 a.m.; 9.45 a.m.; 5.00 p.m.

Weekdays:

Monday, 10.30 a.m.;

Wednesday, 4.30 p.m.;

Thursday, 7.30 p.m.;

Friday, 6.15 p.m.;

Saturday, 8.00 a.m.

Confessions: Before and after Mass.

Fr. V. Rubeo, 21 Elm Street, Laverton — 399 1620

St. Leo's

Corner Mason Street and Fourth Avenue, Altona North

Masses

Sunday: 7.30, 9, 10, 11 a.m., and 6 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 10 a.m., and 7 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Kierce, P.P.,

Rev. Father M. Sultana, Rev.

Rev. Father G. Calleja, St. Leo's Presbytery, 315 Mason St., Altona North, 3025.

Telephone: 391 3219

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St. Eanswythe's
Queen Street, Altona

Sunday Services

8 a.m.: Holy Communion.

9.30 a.m.: Holy Communion (first, third and fifth Sundays). Matins (second and fourth Sundays).

7 p.m.: Evensong.

Sunday School

Sundays at 9.30 a.m.

VICAR—The Rev. John Lawley, The Vicarage, 7 Bent Street, Altona.

Telephone: 398 1005

St. Clements

First Sunday in the month: Family Service.

VICAR—Rev. Eric Weber, St. Thomas' Church, Werribee.

ENGLAND CHURCH OF

St. Luke's

Cnr. Blackshaws and Millers Roads, Altona North

Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 9.30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9.30 a.m.

VICAR—The Rev. Alan Baxter, 408 Blackshaws Rd., Altona North

Telephone: 314 7883

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Pastor H. Blasius

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METHODIST

Seves Street, Altona

Sunday

Sunday School: 9.45 a.m.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m.: Divine Worship.

Cnr. Marion Street and Sixth Avenue, Altona North

Sunday

11 a.m.: Divine Worship.

Goble Street, Laverton

(Held in Church of England Hall, Goble Street, Laverton.)

3 p.m.: Divine Worship.

MINISTER—Rev. A. D. McGregor, 61 Synott Street, Werribee.

Telephone: Werribee 116

PRESBYTERIAN

241 Civic Parade, Altona

Sunday Services

9.15 a.m. Young Church and Worship.

Minister Rev. Athol J. Ridgway, The Manse, 9 Lindwood Avenue, Altona.

Telephone 398-1591.

9 Paringa Road, Altona North

11 a.m.: Worship Service.

League of Young Workers share in the Worship from 11 to 11.30 a.m.

Minister—Mr. W. A'Drain, The Manse, 11 Paringa Rd., Altona North

Telephone 314 5179

ARMY SALVATION

Queen Street, Altona

Sunday —

11 a.m.: Holiness Meeting.

7 p.m.: Salvation Meeting.

Thursday —

2 p.m.: Women's Home League.

Civic Parade, Altona

Sunday —

9.30 a.m.: Combined Sunday School (Primary-Junior) BIBLE CLASS.

Tuesday —

5 p.m.: Corps Cadets.

Wednesday —

3.30 p.m.: Children's Club.

Captain: Kenneth M. Aumont.

108 Queen Street, Altona.

Telephone: 398 1750.

BABES IN THE WOOD SUCCESSFUL PANTOMIME

In what we hope will continue to be an annual presentation, the Drama group this year staged "Babes in the Wood".

By all standards this was most successful. The stage management, the lighting, the music and the scenery were all that could be desired as a background.

The actors, as true artists, more than carried their audience with them. The pleasure and enthusiasm of the children and the not so young must have been gratifying to all those who helped or took part on the stage.

Sarah Popout (the nurse) gave a wonderful performance, closely backed by the clowning of Hickory and Dicky. Robin Hood was equally successful — perhaps because of his private status.

Betty and Bobby, the babes, and in fact the lengthy list of characters played their parts fully.

The care and preparation that have gone into this presentation is most obvious. Its appreciation by the crowded audience was equally evident.

It is a misfortune that circumstances have so far prevented the performance reaching the much larger audience it deserves.



Lions Host 1,770 Kiddies



Children from Orphanages, Institutions and generally under-privileged homes were among 1,770 children attending the Combined Lions Club Christmas Party at Luna Park on Saturday, December 7.

After unlimited rides on Luna Park equipment — free ice cream, drinks and sweets — each child was presented with a Christmas Stocking.

Pictured above are some of the 30 children from this area whose attendance was sponsored by the Lions Club of Altona.

Free transport to Luna Park, by bus, was kindly arranged by Sitch's Bus Service Pty. Ltd.

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION

Mr. Knight speaks strongly

The Hon. A. W. Knight, in the Legislative Council, drew attention to what he considers undue burden on the Shire of Altona.

He said: "I refer to a letter of November 13, 1968, from the Shire of Altona setting out the current public lighting charges effective on acts rendered by the State Electricity Commission on or after November 1, 1968. They are as follows:—

Size and Type of Lamp (Lighted from approximately one quarter-hour after sunset until approximately one half-hour before sunrise).	Rate Per Lamp Per Annum.
(a) Incandescent Filament (General Service) —	\$ c.
100 watts	11.40
200 watts	17.04
300 watts	22.68
500 watts	32.76
750 watts	45.36
(b) Electric Discharge Lamps —	
2-20 watts fluorescent	11.40
3-20 watts fluorescent	17.04
4-40 watts fluorescent	34.32
4-80 watts fluorescent	47.88
100 watts sodium	32.52
140 watts sodium	32.52
250 watts mercury with colour correction	38.64
400 watts mercury without colour correction	42.00
400 watts mercury with colour correction	51.24
(c) Special Floodlights —	
250 watts	22.68
500 watts	32.76

It gives me the opportunity of refuting the statement of the Minister for Local Government that the State Electricity Commission gives magnificent service to the municipalities and is in effect, subsidizing municipal street lighting. The boot is on the other foot. I shall carry the question of charges a step further. The State Electricity Commission charges \$40 per pole for the erection and supply of steel poles, and the cost of providing underground cables is approximately \$100 per pole. In addition there is the cost of overhead wiring of approximately \$40 per pole. These costs are borne by the council, and where underground cables are laid, backfilling and re-instatement are carried out by the council. The Commission has indicated that the cost of steel poles and installation are subsidized by the Commission because the actual costs are far in excess of those I have just stated. However, the Commission did not say what the costs were. The letter continues by setting out the charges to the Shire of Altona as follows:—

(a) The public lighting account to the State Electricity Commission which is paid monthly amounts to \$26,000 at the present rate on the existing number of lights. With the reconstruction of parts of Millers-road nearly completed, further lights will be installed, which will increase our payments in the near future.

(b) Millers-road lighting account, when reconstruction is completed, will cost \$13,008.00 per annum, which represents \$4,336.00 per mile per annum. The type of lights installed in Millers-road are 100 watt sodium lamp, per annum.

(c) Mason-street — the section between Hansen-street and Millers-road has recently been reconstructed and street lighting improved for the duplicated pavement, over a distance of 5,050 feet — approximately 1 mile. The old lighting comprised 19.2 tube 20 watt fluorescent lamps at a total annual cost of \$216.60. The new lights installed, which number 105, are sodium lamps and cost \$3,414.60 per annum. The cost of providing this lighting system, which involved additional steel poles and underground cables, totalled \$4,625.00 which is paid for by the council.

I hope I have convinced the House of the validity of the complaints by the municipalities in relation to lighting charges.

The Hon. Archibald Todd-Shylock was a rank

UNARMED COMBAT DISPLAY BY COMBINED CLUBS

Last Tuesday night an audience of over 250 people witnessed a display of Judo, Karate and Aikido by the combined Youth Clubs of Altona and Altona North at the Youth Centre, Civic Parade. Guest clubs from Pascoe Vale, and St. Albans also attended.

The club names are "Go-Shin-Gutsu" for Altona and Altona North. This is Japanese for School of self defence. Pascoe Vale's name is "Tai-kick" karate club and St. Albans "Ko-bu-kan" judo school.

The instructors, Bill Van Breda — Altona; Peter Cribb — Pascoe Vale & Gerry Thompson — St. Albans, gave a demonstration of brick breaking with bare hands.

During the interval the Club President, Cr. W. L. J. Crofts, Shire President, made presentation to Bill Van Breda, Senior Instructor, and to Val Ligudzinski, his assistant, in appreciation of the work carried out by them during the year. Presentations were also made to instructors of visiting teams in appreciation of their participation in the display.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

On Friday the annual children's fancy dress party was given at the Youth Club. The many and varied costumes worn was a tribute to the ingenuity and work put into them by parents.

Ned Kelly, complete with armour, was present, along with swagmen, bull fighters and even Charlie Chaplin. All enjoyed a good night.

Refreshments were served to parents and children and in the unavoidable absence of the Club President, Cr. Crofts, Mr. T. McGarry made presentations to the ladies committee, to the

amateur compared with the State Electricity Commission.

Earlier I referred to the inquiry by the Statute Law Revision Committee regarding exemptions from municipal rating. I hope that the Minister will provide some information on that subject.

Briquette depots are located in many municipalities, and the briquettes are sold on a commercial basis. If it is provided that the showrooms of the State Electricity Commission should be rateable, the municipalities should not be denied rates that should flow from the briquette depots of the Commission.

The municipalities are justly entitled to this revenue.

COMING OF AGE

The 21st birthday of Miss Mary McIntyre of the Esplanade, Altona, was celebrated at a Dinner Dance at Shirley Park on November 29.

Mary is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter McIntyre. Her mother, Kath, was well known as a councillor of the Shire.

Her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Don McIntyre, assisted by son John, welcomed the guests who came from all parts of Victoria and included Mary's friends from schooldays at St. Mary's and the Catholic Ladies College.

Mary wore a frock of orchid pink Thai silk. The floral decorations and candles on the birthday table were the same colour.

The beautiful birthday cake decorated with fine cornelli work was topped by two real pink orchids which also matched her frock.

Mary's aunt, Mrs. Bert Curtis of Williamstown, made and decorated the cake.

The toast was proposed by a family friend of many years, Father John Pierce, Parish Priest of St. Teresa's Essendon.

Mr. Don McIntyre presented the traditional key to Mary.

BALLET

Sue Woods is dancing the lead with William Carse in 3 of the 4 ballets at the evening performance by the National Theatre Ballet at the Princess Theatre on December 14, in "Swan Lake", "Tecole" and "Gay Parisian".

At the matinee she will be dancing in "Gay Parisian" only.

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WESTONA LITTLE ATHLETICS RESULTS

At Newport oval last Saturday, Westona
boys scored only six 1st placings. It was not a
high tally, but much better than the girls who
were unable to secure one major.

Included in the boys six
majors was a fine double
by G. Burnett in the 60m.
Hurdles and 200m.

Results of Saturday's
track events were —

BOYS:

U.9 60m. Hurdles — G.
Burnett.

U.9 200m. — G. Burnett,
C. Ritchie.

U.11 100m. — G. Millichip,
M. O'Connor.

4 x 100m. relay — P.
Totney, P. Wilsher, B.
Dodd, R. Douglas 1.3.6.

At the Geelong, Corio,
Williamstown inter-centre
meeting on Sunday, Westona
athletes had a complete re-
versal of form proving the
old adage of "keen com-
petition bringing out the
best". Placings gained by
Westona athletes, and all
Williamstown representatives
who gained placings in this
annual triangular competi-
tion were well deserved.

Results are as follows:

GIRLS:

U.9 H. Jump — 3rd J.
George.

U.11 L. Jump — 2nd G.
Wishart.

U.12 70m. — 2nd G. Roh-
leder.

U.12 L. Jump — 1st G.
Rohleder.

U.12 200m. — 3rd G. Roh-
leder.

BOYS:

U.9 Triple Jump — 2nd
P. Totney.

U.10 400m. — 3rd G.
Rohleder.

U.10 L. Jump — 3rd G.
Rohleder.

U.10 T. Jump — 1st G.
Rohleder.

U.10 200m. — 3rd P. Wil-
sher.

U.11 400m. — 3rd I. van
Rangelrooy.

U.11 100m. — 1st B. Dodd.

U.11 200m. — 1st B. Dodd.

U.12 H. Jump — 2nd R.
Douglas.

The points scored by the
individual Centres were:—
1st — Geelong 167,141 pts.;
2nd — Williamstown 156,591
pts.; 3rd — Corio 142,149
pts.

Competitors are reminded
that events at Newport oval
start at 9 a.m. each Satur-
day and they must be on
time to be in events.

ALTONA NORTH LITTLE ATHLETICS RESULTS

WINNERS

GIRLS:

U.11 200m. — P. Hughes,
J. Duggan.

U.10 200m. — N. Witt-
man, A. Tait, D. Hem.

U.10 High Jump — N.
Wittman 1.24 (new record).

BOYS:

U.12 100m. — J. Nash.

U.12 800m. — J. Nash.

U.9 200m. — A. Anderson
and P. Dicks.

U.10 60m. Hurdle — G.
Thompson.

U.9 60m. Hurdles — R.
Daws.

SEAHOLME LITTLE ATHLETICS IMPROVING

On Saturday, December
7, the girls in the Seaholme
club showed improvement.

First placings were gained
by Under 9 girls, Stephanie
Piper and Karen McEwan
in the 70 metres event.

Debbie Webb (Under 10)
did well to take a 2nd place
in the 200 metres event and
3rd place in the 400 metres
walk. Among the Under 9
boys, Paul Curran and Alan
White again had a double
win each in the 60 metres
hurdles and the 200 metres
event.

Other boys to do well also
in these events were Gre-
gory Smith, Peter Clark,
Paul Fry, Dale Vines and
Chris Martin, who all ran
into second place in the 60
metres hurdles. Also Mi-
chael Curran who came 2nd
in the 200 metres.

Edward Richards showed
promise in winning both the
100 metres and 800 metres
events in very good times.

Stephen Parkin cut his time
by 7 sec. to win his 100
metres event, and Maurice
Jurtis, at his first attempt
in the 800 metres, also
gained a first placing.

ALTONA
TENNIS CLUB

JUNIOR TEAMS FOR
DEC. 14:

Boys No. I v. Rosamond
(Away)

E. Valente, R. Groves, G.
Rowe, G. Crofts. Emer-
gency: M. Penfold.

Girls No. I v. Liston Esp. I
(Away)

J. Critchley, H. Shields,
R. Webb, L. Smith. Emer-
gency: Y. Robertson.

Boys No. II v. Roberta
(Away)

M. Penfold, A. Smith, A.
Findlay, M. Groves. Emer-
gency: G. MacDonald.

Girls No. II v. Kingsville
(at Home)

Y. Robertson, L. Hyde, J.
Wise, B. Colvin. Emer-
gency: L. Butterworth.

Players unavailable please
notify the emergency and
also C. Sutton (398-1872) or
J. Trickey (398-2140).

Doubles:

A — Dr. Lee Mun Chew—
Barry 7-0.

B — Ken Bradie — Ken
Fraser.

C — Robert McInnes —
Albert 6-0.

D — Ted Powell — Alan
Evans.

E — John Cucc — Jacob
Hoffman.

Ladies — Lynette Warrior
— Margaret Gorman.

Wired — Lynette Warrior
— Roy Warrior.

Footscray Sports Denot
Trophy awarded to the out-
standing team of the year
1968, was presented to Co-
burg Harriers (Ken Holman,
Peter Gosstray, Steve Pas-
cane, Laurie Hill). Coburg
came from fourth position
in the finals to take out the
A Grade Premiership in the
Winter series.

CRICKET REPORT

CHURCH CRICKET

Altona Pres. v. Williams-
town Meth. (U. 16) played
at Grey Reserve N/E.

Altona Pres. —

1st Innings — 0/154 dec.

Williamstown Meth. —

1st Innings:

(Resumed 9/34, Grimmett
n.o. 3, Connell n.o. 0).

Grimmett n.o. 5
Connell b. G. Wilson 0
Sundries 4

TOTAL 36

BOWLING: G. Wilson 6-
2-10-2; Hitchcock 7-1-20-7;
Haining 2-1-2-0.

Scoring only 36 run Wil-
liamstown Meth. were forced
to follow on.

Williamstown Meth. —

2nd Innings:

Kerr c. McKinney 7
b. A. Wilson 0

Sidgwick b. Hitchcock 2
Lucas b. Hitchcock 2

Tamby b. G. Wilson 21
R. Grimmett c. A. 6

Wilson b. Haining 6
White b. Haining 0

Penrose lbw Haining 14
Gardner c. G. Wilson 13

b. Hitchcock 0
M. Grimmett c. A. 0

Wilson b. Hitchcock 4
Schuller n.o. 4

Connell b. Hitchcock 1
Sundries 11

TOTAL 81

BOWLING: G. Wilson 9-2-
22-1; Hitchcock 12-1-3-17-5;
A. Wilson 5-0-16-1; Haining
5-0-14-3.

Altona Pres. v. Newport

Baps. "C" Grade. at Grey

Reserve N/E.

Newport Baps. —

1st Innings: 186.

Altona Pres. —

1st Innings:

(Resumed 4/42, Hitchcock
10, M. Harris 4).

Hitchcock b. Maynard 13
M. Harris b. Maynard 14

J. Harris b. Andrews 14
J. Wilson c. Maynard 2

b. Dougall 0
Haining c. & b. May-
nard 0

Drane b. Dougall 0
Bleazey n.o. 0

Sundries 9

TOTAL 71

BOWLING: Maynard 7/30;
G. Dougall 7/32; Andrews
1/0.

Scoring only 71 runs, Al-
tona were forced to follow
on, but scored even less in
their 2nd innings to be
beaten by an innings and
68 runs.

Altona Pres. —

2nd Innings:

Diener lbw G. Dougall 20
Hitchcock c. I. Dougall 8

A. Wilson c. I. Dougall 8
Thompson c. I. Dougall 0

McKinney b. I. Dougall 0
M. Harris b. I. Dougall 0

J. Harris c. Andrews 0
J. Wilson c. Andrews 3

Haining c. W. Tread-
well 6

Drane n.o. 4
Bleazey c. W. Treadwell 2

Sundries 1

TOTAL 47

BOWLING: Maynard 0/2; A.
Dougall 1/11; Andrews 2/15;
I. Dougall 5/13; (inc. hat-
trick); Treadwell 2/4.

St. Eanswythes v. Balla-
rat Road Methodists "C"

Grade, at Ford Reserve.

Ballarat Road —

1st Innings:

McGillivray b. Holden 30
A. near lbw Petersen 5

Woodyard c. Garde 0
b. Petersen 0

McInnes c. Garde 0
b. Petersen 0

Jones c. Garde 1
b. Petersen 1

Brunt c. Garde 15
b. Holden 15

Richardson n.o. 5
Berryman b. Haskell 13

Davis lbw Haskell 1
Overall st. Garde 4

b. Haskell 4
Sundries 7

TOTAL 81

BOWLING: Holden 2/37;
Petersen 4/23; Haskell 3/13;
Oram 0/1.

A Grade Have Third Outright Win

Altona resuming at 6 for
130 in reply to State Savings
Bank's 102 started confident-
ly until Ken Duff got an
edge and was out caught
with the score at 139.

In an endeavour to gain
an outright victory Altona
had to score quickly. Jack
Deller and Bob Dare in
doing this (Dare scoring 16
runs from one over) had a
misunderstanding after a
good partnership of 21 runs
and Dare was run out. With
Dick Conradi and Terry
Gray to bat, Captain John
Cooney was preparing for
a declaration, which was
eventually made with the
score at 203 with Deller
not out 19 and Gray not out
18.

State Savings Bank began
their second innings dis-
astrously when Kell was
run out with the score at
3. With good bowling
backed up by good fielding
the Bank were never out of
trouble and were all out for
59 leaving Altona victors
by an innings and 49 runs.

Altona — 1st Innings.
Resumed at 6 for 130.

Duff c. Moore 16
Dare r.o. 26

Deller n.o. 19
Conradi lbw Spence 5

Gray n.o. 18
Sundries 9

TOTAL dec. 9 for 203

BOWLING: Moore 3/78;
Cameron 2/32; Spence 3/45.
S.S.B. — 1st Innings — 102

2nd Innings:

Gellatly std. Page 14
Kell r.o. 1

Shipman b. Dare 3
Cameron c. Dare 2

Moore b. Conradi 7
Spence c. Gray 8

Kyle b. Page 4
Phillips std. Page 2

Lawes n.o. 10
Dibsdale b. Page 0

Jackson absent 0
Sundries 8

TOTAL 59

BOWLING: Dare 2/15; Page
4/21; Conradi 1/9; Gray
1/6.

KOORINGAL GOLF CLUB ASSOCIATES

DECEMBER 3, 1968:

Canadian Foursome: —

18 Hole Nett — Mrs. S.
Wilson (20), Mrs. P. Reidy
(27) 69%.

Gross — Mrs. W. Sandi-
lands (18), Mrs. V. Jacob-
sen (18) 89.

9 Hole Out — Mrs. J.
White (29), Mrs. P. Jeffrey
(30) 35%.

9 Hole In — Mrs. J. Skip-
worth (32), Mrs. H. Mc-
Intosh (32) 35.

Putting — Mrs. J. Waters,
Mrs. P. Miller, 29 Putts.

Altona 150 (Jenkins 59,
Willett 33, McLeod 14 n.o.,
Paone 6 for 58, Spencer 4
for 54), defeated Seaholme
88 (Paone 23, Smith 23,
Stooley 18, Mildenhall 5 for
15) and 4 for 70 (Spencer
34 n.o., Meyers 9, Wilson
2 for 16).

Altona West 92 (Leech 21,
Mathews 17, G. Miller 10,
Hancock 7 for 28) defeated
St. Eanswythes 75 (Naught-
ton 25, P. Hancock 12, A.
Miller 7 for 26).

Next Week's Games:

St. Eanswythes v. Sea-
holme, at Altona West S.S.

Altona v. Altona West at
Seaholme S.S.

UNDER 14 CRICKET

Saturday's results showed
that the competition is now
becoming more even and
some good close games
should be the order of the
day in future.

The fielding of all teams
has shown remarkable im-
provement and Seaholme
although between excelled in
this department last week.

The star of the day was R.
Hancock who had a hand
in 9 dismissals against Al-
tona West taking 7 for 28
and then catching another
batsman

Merton St. Flooding can't be Stopped

The Board of Works says that it cannot do anything to stop the flooding of the Merton St. underpass beneath the Geelong railway line.

It says that any work to alleviate the flooding would only be a stop-gap, and it would be far better to run the road over the line at some future date.

The assistant secretary of the Board wrote to the Altona Council:

"In reply to your letter of August 5 last, regarding flooding of the Merton Street underpass beneath the Geelong Railway, I have to advise you that although it can be expected that the Board will assume responsibility for the Laverton Creek at some future date, this watercourse does not at this stage, vest in the Board.

Investigation shows that the two span railway bridge, through one span of which the road passes, was originally constructed in 1893. It is evident that this bridge, located across the floor of the Laverton Creek valley was intended solely as a passage for floodwaters under the railway. Permission for construction of the road through one opening of the bridge structure was granted to the Country Roads Board by the Victorian Railways Department in 1938, and at that time the Railways Structure Engineer commented in his report that "it would appear that the roadway would be subject to flooding and the road would then be thrown out of use temporarily."

"The level of the underpass is such that it could never be freed from flooding by any gravitational scheme of drainage. Further, at the full width of the bridge opening, together with deepening of the invert, will ultimately be required to provide sufficient waterway as the catchment area develops, it is evident that the present dual uses of the structure for traffic and floodway purposes will become increasingly incompatible.

"Any work to alleviate flooding would be at best be only a stop-gap solution, and at this stage the Board is not prepared to undertake works on this watercourse.

"As the problem of flooding was evident when the decision to utilize the bridge opening as a road underpass was made, it would appear reasonable to assume that it was undertaken as an economic but temporary expedient, probably for the purpose of providing for the transport of explosives from Deer Park to the Truganina Explosives Reserve. It is suggested that consideration should now be given to effecting the permanent solution to this problem by relocating, as necessary, and raising the roadway to pass over the railway."

ON THE GREEN

By Ditch to Ditch

A nice recovery last Saturday when the Altona Bowling Club had 3 out of the 4 sides recording a win.

The No. 1 side is laying second in their section, the No. 2 side is 2 games clear on top of their section, the No. 3 side is holding a good position in their section, and unfortunately the No. 4 side is down in their section, but with some good wins they could regain a better position.

No. 1 Side away to Rosamond

G. Russell, J. Fisher, D. Nettleton, J. Stephens 32-11. S. Carlton, R. Don, F. Nielsen, L. Craig 23-26.

A. Molloy, I. Douglas, D. Watters, P. Whitmore 14-27. J. Mather, R. Watson, N. Walsh, G. McNeillage 29-22. Total: 98-86.

No. 2 Side at home to Flemington

L. O'Donnell, W. Inglis, W. Probert, H. Blair 26-17. W. Condon, L. Crofts, C. Williams, E. Franks 20-16. B. Harrison, N. Richardson, T. McMahon, L. Thorncroft 16-18.

C. McDonald, L. Cox, J. Flynn, R. Douglas 35-14. Total: 97-65.

Elderly Citizens Social Club News

On Thursday, December 12, the Elderly Citizens will hold a stall in Pier Street from 9.30 a.m.

The last dance of the year will be held on Saturday, December 21, and it is hoped a good crowd will attend. It will be held from 8 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Donation is 30 cents, including supper. There will be a door prize and monte carlo prizes.

Thursday is the last day tickets can be obtained for the Christmas Dinner being held in the Civic Hall on December 19, at 6 p.m. There is no admittance without tickets.

SEAHOLME MOTHERS' CLUB LUNCHEON

The Annual Luncheon of the Seaholme Mothers' Club was held on Monday, December 9, 1968.

Special guests included Cr. and Mrs. L. Crofts; District Inspector, Mr. T. Dunstone; Head Master, Mr. G. Howard, and Teaching Staff; and Religious Instruction Teachers. Also present were representatives of the School Committee.

Presentations were made to teachers who are not returning to Seaholme next year, these teachers being Mr. K. Marshall (absent because of illness), Mr. D. Mannering, Mrs. J. Briggs and Miss M. Firms.

Long Service Certificates were presented to Mesdames B. Davies and L. Neate, and Special Stars were awarded to Mesdames J. Colvin, F. Watson (absent), and J. Smith.

First prize for our Special Effort went to Mrs. M. Campbell, 26 Chifley Ave., Seaholme, 2nd prize to Mrs. C. Taylor, 26 Bay View St., Altona, and 3rd prize to Herbert Munch, Jnr., c/o Altona Hostel.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

The marriage of Marion Black, youngest daughter of Mrs. R. M. Black of Main Road, Mt. Dandenong and the late Mr. R. Black to Alex, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robertson, Garden Grove, Seaholme, will take place at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, December 14, at St. Michael's and All Angels' Church Kalorama.

A sister of the bride-to-be is Mrs. Tom (Coral) Jones of Bent Street, Altona.

Flynn, R. Douglas 35-14. Total: 97-65.

No. 3 Side at Home to Newport

F. Douglas, K. Andress, L. Hyde, B. Nicholls 23-25. S. Pilcher, H. Martin, J. Cox, H. Harris 36-17. J. Carr, M. Neal, A. Butterworth, P. Kelly 13-27. M. Deegan, T. Burke, J. Clark, R. Allen 30-25. Total: 102-94.

No. 4 Side Away to Williamstown

E. Roach, J. Pugsley, K. Fearnett, N. Dixon 17-40. G. Abberton, J. Buckley, C. Marshall, N. Grant 25-19. W. Harrison, W. Grant, J. Boorer, A. Dart 31-24. L. Smith, D. Nicholls, A. Bowden, H. Deacon 19-30. Total: 92-113.

P.S.: Sorry to see E. R. join the 40 and over club — on the wrong side.

FETE TO HELP NEEDY CHILDREN

The Altona Group of Unicef are holding a stall in Pier Street on December 13 and need support to help the Group with their work for the needy children of the world.

On sale at the stall will be summer frocks and jumpers for toddlers, boys' pants, toys and many other items all cheaply priced.

The money raised is spent on medical supplies for children suffering from such diseases as Yaws, Tuberculosis and leprosy.

Any lady who could do some sewing for the Group is asked to contact Mrs. J. C. Smith, 139 Queen Street, Altona, who has material to be made up.

Laverton Guides and Scouts

A profit of \$450 was made at the recent Laverton Guides and Scouts fete. Local Association members wish to thank all who helped make the venture a success.

Competition winners were Mrs. Lilley — decorated fruit cake; Mrs. Ross — Hairset; and Mrs. Winter — dressed doll. Flower show winners were — Mrs. Shippy and Peta Green, 2 sections each, Mrs. MacLauchlan and Mr. Ross, 1 section each.

A farewell luncheon was held at Mrs. Green's home last Wednesday for Mesdames Lynn, Rice and Winterton who were thanked for their work and support for the movement.

NEWS AROUND TOWN

Bracken Grove, den Dulk Avenue, Myrtle Grove, and Wilga Avenue — Private Street Scheme No. 98.

The levelling and soiling of nature strips is in progress.

Chambers Road — South of McArthur's Road:

Stabilizing of fine crushed rock with cement for the base course, spreading and consolidation of bituminous treated crushed rock for the intermediate course and spreading and consolidation of bituminous concrete for the first layer of the top course was completed.

McArthur's Road — West of Chambers Road:

Construction of kerb and channelling was completed. Fine crushed rock for the base course was spread and stabilized with cement.

Spreading and consolidation of bituminous treated crushed rock for the intermediate course is in progress.

Doherty's Road: The laying of underground drains was continued.

Millers Road — Divided Roadways:

Reconstruction and widening of the section of old pavement, which now forms the eastern roadway, north of the bridge over Kororoit Creek was completed except for final surfacing.

Millers Road Bridge:

The contractor, M. D. McCarthy, has completed satisfactorily the construction of the new bridge on Millers Road over Kororoit Creek.

Engagement

Dennis — Houston

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dennis of Kingsford Street, Braybrook, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter, Shirley Ann, to John, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Houston, Butcher's Crescent, Laverton.

SPECIAL EFFORT WINNER

The winner of the special effort of a baby doll, conducted by the Altona West Mothers' Club, was Mrs. V. McCarthy, Emu Avenue, Altona.

Party Night Closes Year For Square Dancers

Altona square dancers had another enjoyable night last Thursday. At suppertime Angela was welcomed to the club and congratulations were extended to Win Lewis, celebrating her birthday.

This Thursday, December 12, will be the last dance for this year, and it will be a party night with many prizes and novelties through the evening. Visitors from other clubs will be present and all old and new members are invited to come along and help make it a gala night.

Dancing will recommence early in January. David Hooper and all club members would like to wish everyone the compliments of the season and hope to see them in the New Year.

OPEN NIGHT FOR CAMERA CLUB MEMBERS

The Altona Camera Club meeting on Friday, December 13, is an open night where members can bring forward any difficulties pertaining to their prints or colour slides.

The competition for this month, "Hobby, Bird/Animal, Portrait", should be well under way. All entries are to be handed in to the print steward this Friday.

With Christmas holidays almost here and many people going away, now is the time to get all the cameras out, blow the cobwebs away and be ready with the shutter for those many and varied shots to be had at this time.

For those members wishing to make an early start for 1969 the January competition is "Glamour".

Next Friday's meeting will commence at 7.30 p.m. in the Homestead, Queen Street, Altona.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Miss Jean K. Bradbury, Chiropodist, 76 Pier Street, Altona will be closed for the Christmas period from December 16, 1968 to January 13, 1969.

LAPIDARY CLUB NEWS

The Western Suburbs Lapidary Club will hold its Christmas party on December 13, at 8 p.m., at the Maribyrnong Hall. Lady members are asked to bring a basket.

Mr. M. Martin of Seaholme is organising the talent for the concert items. There will be a Christmas tree for the children.

There will be no general meeting this month. The competition last month for the best polished jasper cabochon was won by Miss D. Lyons of Seddon (ladies section) and Mr. E. Rigg of North Melbourne.

Members of the club together with Colac and Geelong clubs, had a successful field day around Camperdown area, collecting Olivine bombs and agate on November 24.

The next field trip will be to Moonlight Head on Sunday, December 15, in search of petrified wood, agate, etc. Members will meet at 11 a.m. at Laver's Hill.

WIRE NET TO STOP CHILDREN

Cr. P. A. Burns wants a wire netting protection net between the twin bridges on Millers Rd. He says it will stop children getting under the bridge.

He told last Monday night's council meeting that it was necessary. The Shire Engineer, Mr. Simmons, pointed out that children could still get under the bridge from the other sides, but promised to investigate.

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School for Deaf and Retarded Children a Necessity

Cr. J. J. Ginifer as member for Deer Park is giving strong support to the western suburbs. Touching on the necessity of schools for retarded and deaf children he said:

"Finally, I desire to express appreciation to the Minister of Labour and Industry, in his capacity of Assistant Minister of Education, for the assistance given to schools in connection with libraries and assembly halls.

The Minister has taken great interest in special fields of education and has indicated to me that plans are afoot for the establishment of special schools for assisting and teaching mentally retarded children in the western suburbs area.

In reply to a question I asked in the House on October 22, 1968, reported at page 1086 of Hansard, the Minister said —

A preliminary survey has been made of the number and location of deaf children in these areas. A search is being made for a suitable existing building centrally located for the children concerned with a view to the establishment of a centre.

I had asked the Minister

whether the Education Department had any plans for the establishment of a centre for deaf children in the western suburbs, and if so where and when it would be established. To give further encouragement to the Minister in this regard, I point out the problems confronting parents in the western suburbs who have children so handicapped. At present these children attend the Burwood Kindergarten for Deaf Children and it is necessary for them to be at the North Melbourne railway station at 8.20 a.m. each day to commence their journey to Burwood. It is difficult for parents to have small children out of bed, dressed and ready for the day's outing in time to get them to the North Melbourne station so early in the morning, particularly if there are other young children in the family requiring attention. These facts, may not be known to the Minister, and I look to him for support and assistance in this matter."

Memorial Club Reformed

The Memorial Club of the Altona sub-branch of the Returned Servicemen's League was reformed earlier this month at the Annual meeting of the sub-branch.

For some months, alterations to the building in Saragood Street have been under way to bring it up to the required standard for licensed premises.

In his annual report, president Mr. A. Rose revealed that the application for a licence is expected to be lodged about March or April next year.

During the year the club progressed financially and Mr. Rose stressed that this would not have occurred without the hard work of the executive and the support and patronage of members.

He praised the work of the ladies auxiliary and with special thanks acknowledged

the efforts of Mrs. Bill Draper and daughter, Mrs. Bill Verlander.

Office bearers for 1969 were elected for the sub-branch and each holds the same office in the Memorial Club.

They are:

President: Robert A. Rose; Vice Presidents: J. Murdoch (Snr. Vice), M. Ellis, F. Davies; Secretary: W. Draper; Assist. Secretary: S. Shaw; Treasurer: T. Marriott; Auditor: W. Inglis.

Committee members for both the sub-branch and the Memorial Club will be elected at the first meeting for 1969 on Tuesday, February 3.

Teacher Training College Needed in Western Suburbs

In another speech Cr. J. J. Ginifer emphasised the need for a teacher training college and also to the aboriginal hostel in Sunshine.

"I refer also to an article which appeared in the Sunshine Advocate of Thursday, October 10, under the heading 'Scheme to Beat Teacher Lack'. Throughout the western suburbs, there are approximately 200 teachers in high schools and technical schools who have not completed a recognized course of teacher training. The article states —

Due to the acute shortage of fully qualified and trained teachers in the western suburbs, the Education Department will endeavour to get former teachers back into the Teaching Service.

The Education Department has sent a circular to all district schools to co-operate by supplying lists of suitable personnel.

It would appear that most of the women who have been trained as teachers and are prepared to return to teaching have already been found and are, in fact, working in our schools at present. It is possible that there are others who, if offered a specific course of re-training, would consider returning to schools if suitable appointments could be found for them.

I do not know of any comparable situation in the western world where a community of 250,000 people is without a teachers' training college. I hope that in the planning being undertaken by the Education Department consideration will be given to the establishment of a teachers' training college in the western suburbs. If this facility were provided, it would be more attractive and simpler for students leaving high schools in the western suburbs to undertake teacher training, and it would also assist in raising the social and economic level of the district. In the long term, the teachers trained at that college could be retained in the area to fill many of the senior positions which the Education Department is unable to fill at present.

The last subject I raise is the position of Aborigines and the assistance which could be given by people in the metropolitan area for Aboriginal children living in country areas to visit the city during the holidays. The Western Suburbs Regional Advancement League has announced plans for the establishment of an \$80,000 hostel in the Sunshine area. It is planned to provide accommodation and educational facilities for sixteen Aboriginal youths wishing to live and work in the area; the hostel will be on similar lines to those planned for Northcote and Ballarat.

I wish to pay tribute to Councillor Thomas, who was Mayor of Sunshine last year, and who undertook a great deal of work in this regard. He encouraged people to make their homes available over the Christmas - New Year holiday period. By this means, many Aboriginal children from country areas have been enabled to enjoy a holiday in the city, living with people in the western suburbs. Members of this House should congratulate many of the people living in the Sunshine - St. Albans-Keilor area for their efforts in this regard."

PUBLIC NOTICE

The keep fit classes conducted by Crena Healey have now concluded until February.

Mrs. Healey would like to thank the ladies for their keen interest during the year, and extend best wishes to all members for the coming festive season.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I wish to thank all members of the band for their wonderful performance on Christmas break-up night, December 6, at the Home-stand. Many thanks to the Mums and Dads for the lovely supper. Mrs. Ken Oakes of Upton Street supplied a special Christmas cake to go with the already heavy laden table.

The band, resplendent in their dark trousers, white shirts and bow ties, supplied most of the items. Folk singers, Jan Plotzka, Carol Marsh and guitarist Keith Rugg, were our guest artists and were loudly applauded. Also as guest artists were Mr. Ken Walton, accompanied by his wife Margaret of Melbourne University, who is also a teacher of the piano and singer.

Thanks to Assistant Masters Mr. Ken Oakes and Guitar teacher Mr. Sid Matthews for the help and support over the past 2 years.

The band which has performed with great distinction over the past 2 years

Pedal Club Annual Meeting Held

The Altona Pedal Club would like to thank all the people who have helped by attending the games nights and with silver pedal, etc. They would also like to thank the people who have helped with transport. The members of the club are to be congratulated for their work all the year.

The annual meeting was held on Thursday, November 5. Office bearers for 1969 are as follows:

President: Mr. K. Bebed; Secretary: Mrs. L. Bebed; Treasurer: Mrs. C. Rees.

The winner of the special effort dinner set was blue ticket E19.

and is now well known, will go into recess until notified through their newspapers.

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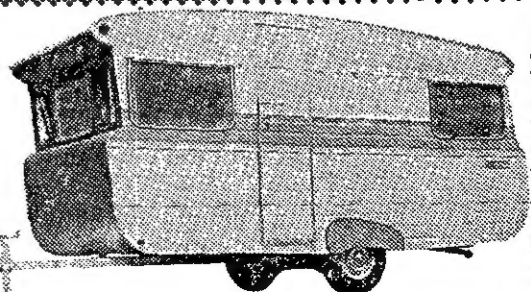
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PENNANT MATCHES, LUNCHEON & SOCIAL BOWLS IN BUSY WEEK

One win and one loss were recorded last week by the lady pennant bowlers.

The B1 team won by six points. B2 went down by seven points.

Results were:
B1 defeated Brunswick R. Fisher, C. Ford, B. Tribe, E. Martin 30-13;
J. Douglas, J. McNeillage, V. Turner, E. Siphthorp 16-29;
P. Gischus, I. Probert, P. Stephens, I. O'Donnell 24-30;
E. Flynn, E. Olliver, L. Walsh, M. Dowdell 33-25.

B2 were defeated by Moreland:
M. Jacometti, B. Neal, K. Bray, B. Dart 24-20;
D. Gadsden, M. Woodyard, V. Douglas, I. Gibson 28-32;
D. Watson, Q. Cox, I. Mitchell, I. Nickels 20-18;
M. Andress, E. Beyer, B. Davis, S. Thompson 15-24.

CLUB NEWS

Chicken and champagne were not the only enjoyments at last Friday's luncheon for lady bowlers at Mrs. Carmen Ford's home. Fashions from 1920-1940 paraded (?) by Margo, Bobo and Sue were climaxed by a bridal couple — a little bridegroom dressed in tails, bell topper and some-body's big black boots, hand in hand with a tall blond bride who later returned in her 1969 Mini-mini going away frock.

With regret the Club accepted the resignation of Mrs. Flo McDonald as assistant secretary.

Mrs. Ivy Gibson has been nominated and accepted for the vacancy and the committee are delighted to welcome her to its ranks.

President Eric Roach has expressed his appreciation and congratulates the Ladies on the excellent food provided when last week they catered for the Men's Golden Bowlers Triple Annual Tournament.

Mesdames K. Bray, M.

Andress and M. Woodyard were the winning rink on Thursday, December 5, at Ladies Social Bowls Day.

If members have friends seeking a game of bowls during the Christmas break do not forget to recommend the Inter Club Day at Altona on Thursday, January 9, commencing at 11 a.m. 3 games 9 ends. Mixed rinks or Ladies only but Lady Skips. Bowlers to bring their own lunch but morning tea will be supplied. Entry 40c per player. Attractive trophies available for winners and runners up.

It was good to see Vera Sevier back at Social Bowls this week. Grace Cartwright has returned home and is recovering from an ear operation performed at the Alfred Hospital. Edna Marlow was admitted to the Williamstown Hospital last week for further treatment.

Pennant Roster:

December 14 — E. Martin, K. Bray, J. Croft, B. Davey.

Tea Roster, December 14 — E. Martin, L. Walsh, Tidying Clubhouse. December 9 — L. Pilcher, I. O'Donnell, G. MacKellar.

Members Night at R.S.L.

Admittance to the Members Night on Saturday, at the Altona R.S.L. Club is restricted to members and wives only.

Friends, who are not members, will not be admitted.

So far response from members who have indicated their intention of attending has been gratifying and a good night seems assured.

LICENSED CLUBS DARTS

Monday, December 9, saw the play off the 2nd Semi-Final of the Licensed Clubs K.O. competition between Yarraville No. 1 and Duckboard RSL, with Yarraville running out winners 9 games to 2.

Darts, on the night, were not particularly brilliant but quite entertaining. Barry Gilham (Yarraville) threw the most consistent darts of the night, though he had trouble starting in one game.

E. Ellery (Yarraville) also played very well, throwing a 140 in his Singles as well as a "TON" in the Doubles. A. Vurloy (Yarraville) was the unlucky player of the night. He met Duckboard's best player, George Wright, but had a little trouble starting which cost him the game — 2 legs to 1.

Apart from E. Ellery's high scores, other notable throws for Yarraville was A. Vurloy, with a "TON".

Duckboard's highest throwers were: R. Wright 100, 140, Tony Dickinson 140.

Highest Start E. Ellery 93 and the Highest Finish R. Thomas (Yarraville) 58.

At the close of the game, an excellent supper was provided by Yarraville Club, a great gesture by Yarraville and greatly appreciated by all players and spectators.

On Friday, December 13, Yarraville No. 1 and Yarraville No. 2 now meet in the Preliminary Final, at Duckboard House. The winner of this match will meet the Altona Working Men's Club, in the Grand Final, at the St. Kilda Army and Navy Club, 88 Ackland Street, St. Kilda, commencing at 8 p.m., to which a cordial invitation is extended to all interested in the Sport of Darts.

One Yacht Dominates Trials for Australian Championships

Sailing their yacht "Marion Too", A. Robertson and K. Robertson won all three elimination heats and had a runaway victory in the trials conducted at Altona last weekend to select the top three hornet class yachts to represent Victoria at the Australian Championships in Perth over the Christmas holiday period.

In each of the races "Marion Too" was first away over the starting line. In two of them she was first from start to finish. At one stage in the other trial she lost the lead but managed to regain first position.

Final placings after the trials were —

"Marion Too" (A. Robertson, K. Robertson),
"Shadow" (J. Andress, J. Clark),
"Woomera" (J. Grieve, D. Philp),
"Laphill" (T. Philipps, L. Laker).

All classes raced on Saturday with a re-race on Sunday for the Heron Class.

A reasonably light breeze, steadily increasing during the afternoon, provided perfect conditions for the large number of competing yachts. All classes had exciting close races, with many skippers striving for the lead. Ever back in the fleets, slower boats tactically overcame their odds and enjoyed close racing at a level they could maintain. As with the previous weekends, the standard was extremely good and maintained. Perfect starts were witnessed by the many spectators as each class bunched up with most yachts crossing the starting line with only second to spare. The race on Sunday for

Heron and Hornets began in the morning with light winds of 5-10 mph. Herons had an interesting and at times close race but the individual placing seemed to follow a pattern set in the preceding week.

The most notable feature over this past week-end has been the rise to top form of many in the Hornet class. Competition in this class has increased with the closest racing seen at Altona.

The standard was a pleasure to see. The class enjoyed its closest fleet racing ever, with individual yachts fighting for the chance to represent their State.

Results on Saturday:

1st Heat Hornet:
1. "Marion Too" (A. Robertson, K. Robertson),
2. "Woomera" (J. Grieve, D. Philp),
3. "Shadow" (J. Andress, J. Clark).

G.P. 14's:
1. "Whistable" (B. O. Smith, K. Smith),
2. "Echo" (Brian Smith, J. Mallett),
3. "Keira" (F. Mallett, N. Anthony).

Heron:
1. "Harry-C" (L. Pound, I. Robertson),
2. "Stelvnka" (S. Bulmer, C. Stone),
3. "Andiamo" (G. Blunt, R. Burn).

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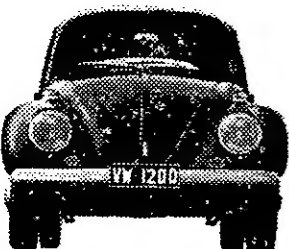
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LA DE DAS TO RECORD OVERSEAS

— By RON COLEMAN —

New Zealand group the La De Das will record their LP "The Happy Prince" overseas now, instead of using studios in Adelaide.

They had planned to record at new studios in South Australia but the session fell through because these studios had not been completed when the group was due to record.

Consequently the La De Das, now hailed as one of Australia's best groups, will take their composition, "The Happy Prince" to Britain with them next year. "The Happy Prince" is a musical fairytale penned by Bruce and Trevor for Derek Jolly's Sweet Peach Productions. I simply cannot wait to hear this record and I am sure it will have some success because the La De Das have become so popular lately. Now that Keith Barber (ex Wild Cherries) has joined the group there is a wonderful understanding within the La De Das which enables them to play numbers non stop for thirty minutes. It is the kind of musical understanding that existed with the Dave Brubeck Quartet for so long. The kind of understanding that made the Cherries what they were and it is the mutual feeling for music currently possessed by every member of the La De Das.

It is some time since I last saw the La De Das perform live but I do not need to see them to appreciate the musical feeling that can dwell within a group. Like many other top groups the New Zealand group likes to play in a place with good acoustics and they always feel at home in a place they know. This has been so in the case of the Beatles who have turned down millions of dollars rather than let their fans down by appearing at a place which would alter their sound.

In the past we have seen some great groups come over from New Zealand and if any group looks like stealing the scene from Kiwi group, Max Merritt and the Meteors it is the La De Das.

The long-haired children still spear to "Big Daddy's" on Saturday night.

JIMI HENDRIX SPLIT UP

Recently brilliant British pop trio The Cream announced their decision to disband, to the dismay of thousands of fans throughout the world.

Now the same decision has been made by the Jimi Hendrix Experience because guitarist Noel Redding and drummer Mitch Miller want to start their own group next year. Where will Jimi leave? "He will be bigger than ever," says the pop music critics. "Because despite the fact that he is a very talented musician, he is a very mediocre guitarist." Makes me wonder how people would wonder how group would split up to a new bass for Eric playing Eric has been used as the "Blues Great" in America where all his records are sell-outs. Eric's records The Cream will record more record before he split and apparently already have enough uncensored material in stock to release at least another two LPs.

So now Mr. Hendrix has us all wondering if he will remain in Britain or return to America and try his luck there. So much for the Australian tours by Jimi Hendrix and The Cream. Instead you can look forward to seeing the Status Quo at Festival Hall some time next year.

AT THE DRAGS

WITH BRIAN GARDNER

Highlights of the Calder Drags last Sunday week was Ash Marshall's "Scorcher" which tore up 20 yards of fence.

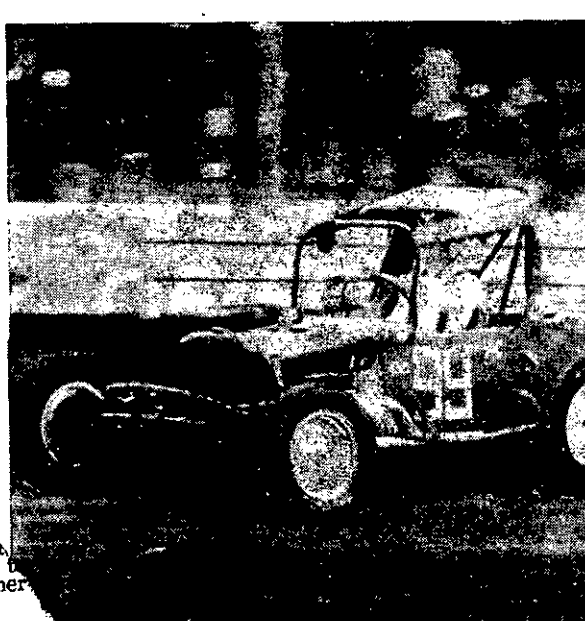
Marshall's rail was virtually reduced to a pair of back wheels during a drag with Dave Bennett's Monaro. Marshall gave Bennetts a 5/4 seconds start over the standing quarter. Bennetts just pipped "The Scorcher" by a few feet and Marshall had just released his chute when he veered off the track and collected the safety fence. Commiserations and a few beers were had after the meeting at the scene of the accident.

"Sea-Cal" sponsored F. J. dragster driven by Geoff Courtot of Footscray came a good second in its class.

This run was the fastest ever by Geoff's "Beast". The time was 16.86 seconds for the quarter. Derek Newman from Altona did not appear to be too happy with his car "Kommotion". Consequently somebody else drove it for him.

Peter "Box" Carton was thrown off the track when he attempted to line up against Ash Marshall with his soap box car "The Scurge Machine".

Veteran Australian drags driver, Graham Withers finally injured himself when he broadsided through the timing boxes and flipped his rail at the recent Surfer's Paradise meeting.



STIRRING THE PUDDING or GOSSIP WITH SEAWEEED

Nashville Noel continues to grow old in Con's fish and chip shop. Nice day is it not Tommy "One Goal"?

Davy not too confident about passing those exams. According to Brian the mediator, Box's car is Eric Clapton. Well if that isn't the most interesting John Mayall I have heard for a long time.

Sweeney Thompson still giving permanent waves? Be a good boy and return to Carol, John. And please no anonymous Christmas cards this year.

Latest person to sign up is Tamba Taylor. Smedley is so hard up for Christmas cards that he prints them himself and he mails them to his address. If you are out of petrol, visit Brian and Peter. Latest craze among the young folk of Altona is getting married.

Leigh can afford to drive Fords now. Seen at Calder recently, — Sals, Sticks, Weasel, Ian Tisdale, John Beck, Laurie Tisdale, John Beck, Laurie Patterson.

WHAT'S NEW BABY?

Elvis wants to visit Australia and so do the Stones. Melbourne jazz and gospel singer, Judy Jacques is entering the pop field. Will the jam jar be broken?

Mal Payne's group the Towncriers are in Perth. Geoff Mills (ex Madam Appleby singing for the Broadside Children.

Mike Browning has brought over another Kiwi group called the Mantra.

I do hope they are not as bad as the Compulsion.

Rob Taylor (James Taylor Move) has returned to Melbourne with a group called the R. J. Taylor. Goodbye Mother Turn.

The car that J. O'K was injured in last week is capable of 150 mph.

WHAT'S ON IN ADELAIDE?

Most popular place in South Australia on a sunny Saturday afternoon is St. Leonards Beer Garden where the young folk all flock to share a pint and listen to pop groups. Currently providing music at St. Leonards is a band called the Inn-Styles.

Channel Ten provides non-stop viewing for Adelaide's swingers every Saturday afternoon with "In Time" from 12.30 to 1.30 and "Up-tight" from 1.30 to 5.30 p.m. Opus 20 Plus is still a crowd drawer with a group called Wiley Read and the Fire.

Adelaide's "New Faces" is better than Sydney's but the adjudication team resembles a group of models from Louis Tussauds.

Visitors to the fair city during the last fortnight have included the Grop, Masters Apprentices, Twilights and Max Merritt and the Zoot who were featured in a pop concert.

It seems that every place Bev Harrell sings at in Adelaide is frequented by her tall fiancée. Bev and her accountant boy-friend will marry in the New Year. Big rage at the moment is monogrammed t-shirt which is seen in abundance at all the beaches.

COMPETITION

Nev's Variety Bar will award a free EP to the sender of the nearest correct answer to the following question.

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First Inter-House Swimming Carnival for Altona East State School

Last Friday morning, Altona East State School held its first Swimming Carnival at the Newport Swimming Academy.

The four Houses which competed were Panparita, Monana, Maratata and Dinpanari.

A total of 35 different events catered for the talents of many children from Grades 3 to 6.

The programme commenced with 11 metre relay events, amidst over-enthusiastic and deafening vocal support from the packed spectator gallery. The younger non-swimmers competed in wading and kick-board relays.

The programme continued with nine 25 metre free-style events; seven 25 metre back-stroke events; five 25 metre relay events; and six 50 metre free-style events.

The programme included a demonstration 200 metre medley by David Allibon, A Grade 4 boy and member of the Newport Swimming Club.

Very good times were recorded by David Allibon (41.9 seconds) and C. Straninger (51.4 secs) in the 50 metres free-style.

In the 25 metre back-stroke the following recorded good times:

1. David Allibon, Under 10 Boys — 19.5 secs.; 2. Bruce Faichney, Under 11 Boys — 22.6 secs.; 3. Anne Faichney, Under 13 Girls — 24.8 secs.

All agreed that the programme was a great success. The final scores surprised everyone, for after leading comfortably all the way, Panparita was caught up to and surpassed by Monana with only three events to go. An extra effort by Panparita levelled the points to 133 each after the final event.

Third and fourth came Dinpanari with 104 points and Maratata with 87 points. Profits made from the Carnival go towards the new Library Fund.

Working Men's Club Win Division in Darts

With the completion of the home and home games of the summer competition in the first division, Bristol won the league with ease. Second place goes to the Tottenham Rovers.

In division 2: Altona Working Men's Club came first, but second position is not yet decided. It could go to either Goodrich or Central as the Central have a couple of games to play to complete the back log of fixtures. This is due to Newport being expelled from the Associates for failure to fulfil their fixtures. Central replaced Newport at the half-way stage and had 5 games to make up in the second half of the season.

This Thursday sees the first round of the Elderly Citizens K.O. Cup with the following games drawn at the Homestead, on Tuesday, December 3. Home teams are mentioned first.

Goodrich v. BRISTOL
TOTTENHAM v. Plough
MELTON v. Seaholme
A.W.M.C. v. P.O.W.

Central play the winners of A.W.M.C. and P.O.W. The semi finals and finals will take place on Wednesday, December 18, at the Working Men's Club, starting at 8 p.m. All games are on league rules, such as scoring and match fees.

Two Sets of Fines for Unregistered Trailer

Truck driver, Branco Naut of Dandenong Rd., Frankston, and the company, A. E. W. Huisman (Vic.) Pty. Ltd., owner of an unregistered trailer were both fined in Williamstown Court last week.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF ALTONA AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS

I the undersigned wish to bring to the notice of the reading public the object work and facts of Life Saving at Altona and on all other beaches around our Bay.

Firstly the objects of Life Saving duties. It is the desire to save human life, the thought to lend a hand to a person in peril, handle with sympathy the distress which many feel but know little how to express.

Secondly the clubs promote technical education in Life Saving and Resuscitation of the apparently drowned and electrocuted.

Thirdly they stimulate public favour in the general adoption of swimming and Life Saving as a branch of instruction.

Fourthly they encourage floating, diving, plunging and such other swimming arts as would be of assistance to a person in attempting to save life.

The summer season has started and life savers have taken up their duties on all beaches around the Bay. Their duties started on December 1 and continue to March 31 next year.

Hard work is put in by every member of every Club. They give their time voluntarily and wish to be taught all about Life Saving. Training starts by finding out the strength of new swimmers and methods to improve their swimming. Following this they are taught the art of life saving by release, rescue and resuscitation — only the most up to date methods are taught.

When training is completed the member is examined by an examiner of the Royal Life Saving Society. The examination consists of

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Then the new member moves out with the rest of the Club members and takes his or her place on the beach to take up such duties as beach patrols and manning the reel. Other awards to be gained other members to participate in the competition on other beaches throughout the summer season.

Last season Altona was fortunate in not having any fatalities on the beach where patrols were manned. I cannot stress enough the need for swimmers to swim between the Life Saving flags.

A drowning does not just happen they are caused by gross negligence, most noticeable causes are:—

1. Swimming alone;
2. Swimming too soon after a meal;
3. Parents who do not watch over children;
4. Sunbaking and running into the cold water causing cramps;
5. Unable to swim and getting out of depth;
6. Use of rubber toys in the water on windy days.

These are but a few of the causes but they are the main ones to remember at all times when on a beach. Always remember to keep

close to where the life savers patrol discs are placed on the beach and if you see somebody in trouble send for a life saver — he has been trained to do this work.

This year the Altona Life Saving Club is recruiting new members. Training has already started. Any person wishing to join this worthwhile club will find they are taking part in an activity that is of the utmost importance to Altona and will give a lot of enjoyment in belonging and taking part. You will meet people of your own age and with the same interests if you wish to join, call at the club rooms on any training night and see any senior member who will inform you of how to become a member. Or you could ring Mr. J. Byrne, 398-2446, who will be glad to answer any questions. The Learn to Swim Campaign will be starting on January 11. Any person wishing their children to be taught swimming at these Classes can enrol them on December 14, 21 and 28 and January 4, between the times of 2 and 4 p.m.

Children not enrolled on these dates cannot join the classes.

Training nights are held each Monday and Thursday between 7 and 8 p.m.
— ROY EDWARDS,
Vice President.

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NOTICE

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Notice of Application for a Permit

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(1) Melbourne and Metropolitan Planning Scheme

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The application will be considered by (3) the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works after the expiration of fourteen days after the giving/publication of this notice.

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F. URBAS wishes to sincerely thank Mr. A. Yeo and Mr. B. Sanderman and the management of the P.R.A. for the speech and silver plate presented to him on the occasion of his retirement on November 29, after 17 years of service with the Company. Special thanks to the staff, R. (Bozza) Hughes, Alec Philpott, M. Caucchi, and all his workmates for the very successful party they gave in his honour, and the very warm farewell. Particular thanks from Mrs. Urbas for the lovely floral bouquet which was very appreciated.

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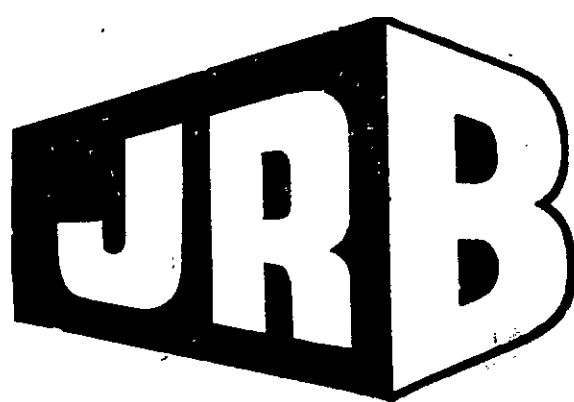
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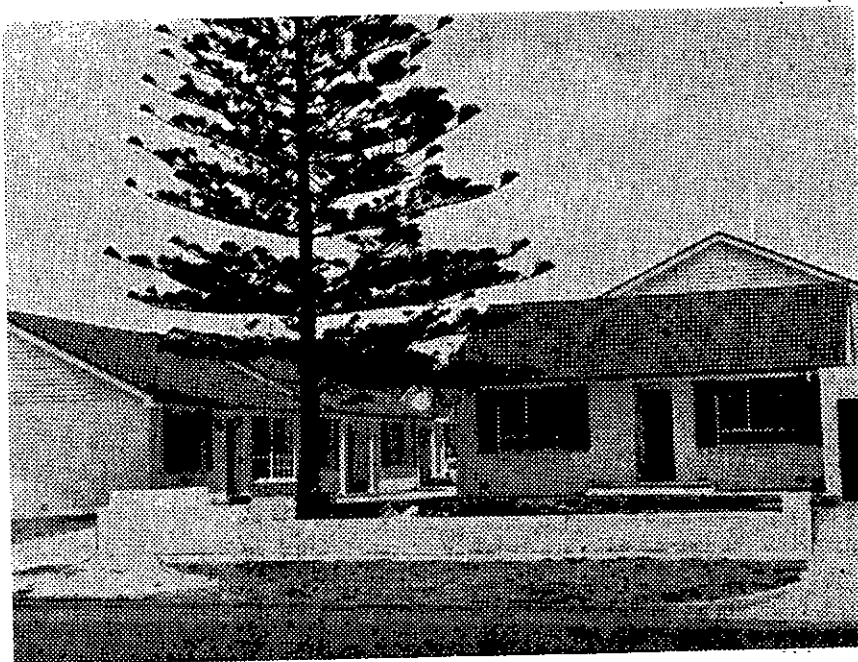
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